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New DMIGS Deploys in Support of FEMA

BETHESDA, Md.— In support of FEMA's hurricane Ernesto preparations, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) deployed its newest geospatial intelligence mobile system on August 28.

The Domestic Mobile Integrated Geospatial-Intelligence System or DMIGS is a self-contained vehicle custom built on a fire truck chassis that allows NGA analysts to drive to a crisis location and provide on-the-spot geospatial intelligence analysis and products.

NGA's experience in planning for and responding to hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 prompted development of the DMIGS. NGA already had a military version of the DMIGS that operates out of a high-mobility multipurpose wheeled vehicle, or HMMWV. The DMIGS is a civilianized version of this system and was developed in partnership with Pierce Manufacturing and General Dynamics Advanced Information Systems.

NGA tailored this mobile system to support homeland security missions including responding to natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes or other catastrophic events. Analysts deploy with the DMIGS to produce tailored, mission-specific products on site. The DMIGS also enables communication and data transfer between itself and various NGA locations.

The DMIGS departed Chantilly, Va., Monday, August 28 arriving at its staging location in Jacksonville, Fla. at noon Tuesday, August 29.

NGA is a Department of Defense combat support agency and a member of the National Intelligence Community. Its mission is to provide timely, relevant and accurate geospatial intelligence in support of our national security. Geospatial intelligence is the exploitation and analysis of imagery and geospatial information to describe, assess, and visually depict physical features and geographically referenced activities on the Earth. Headquartered in Bethesda, Md., NGA has major facilities in the greater Washington, D.C., and St. Louis, Mo., areas with NGA support teams worldwide.

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